

line 9, change "calculate" to
--calculates--; change "decide"
to --decides--;
line 21, change "sound" to --acoustic--.

Page 25, line 2, change "both" to --two--;
line 4, change "transmitting" to
--transmitted--;
line 5, change "receiving" to --received--;
change "transmitting" to
--transmitted--;
line 7, change "both" to --two--;
line 8, change "receiving" to --received--;
line 10, change "generated" to --effected--;
line 11, change "turns" to --returns--;
line 14, change "a" to --the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A voice switching system comprising:

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attenuating a microphone input voice signal having a first level
to produce a [transmitting] transmitted voice signal having a
second level;

a receiving side attenuation [means] section for
attenuating a [receiving] received voice signal having a third
level to produce a speaker output voice signal having a fourth
level;

10 a transmitting side control [means] section for
comparing said first level of said microphone input voice signal
with said fourth level of said speaker output voice signal to
obtain a primary difference therebetween, said transmitting side
control [means] section controlling, dependent on said primary
difference, an amount of attenuation of said microphone input

voice signal in said transmitting side attenuation [means] section; and

20 a receiving side control [means] section for comparing said second level of said [transmitting] transmitted voice signal with said third level of said [receiving] received voice signal to obtain a secondary difference therebetween, said receiving side control [means] section controlling, dependent on said secondary difference, an amount of attenuation of said [receiving] received voice signal in said receiving side 25 attenuation means.

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31 2. (Amended) A voice switching system as claimed in claim 1, said receiving side control [means] section further comprising:

5 a transmitting side signal delay buffer for providing said [transmitting] transmitted voice signal with a delay time, said delay time corresponding to a time for which said [transmitting] transmitted voice signal returns as said [receiving] received voice signal through a communication line;

10 a transmitting side signal power estimation section for estimating a signal power of said [transmitting] transmitted voice signal outputted from said transmitting said signal delay buffer;

15 a receiving side signal power estimation section for estimating a signal power of said [receiving] received voice signal;

20 a first comparator for comparing a primary estimated signal power of said [transmitting] transmitted voice signal estimated by said transmitting side signal power estimation section with a secondary estimated signal power of said [receiving] received voice signal estimated by said receiving side signal power estimation section to obtain a ratio therebetween; and

a first attenuation amount calculation [means] section for calculating an amount of attenuation in said receiving side

25 attenuation [means] section based on said ratio outputted from
0) said first comparator.

Claim 3, line 4, change "transmitting" to
--transmitted--;

Claim 4, line 2, change "control means"
to --controller--;

line 20, change "means" to --section--;

line 22, change "means" to --section--.

6. (Amended) A voice switching system as claimed in
claim 1, said transmitting side control [means] section further
comprising:

a [reverberation] residual echo power estimation
5 section for estimating a signal power of a [reverberation]
residual echo signal obtained by said microphone input voice
signal passing through [a sound] an acoustic echo canceller;

a second speaker output power estimation section for
estimating a signal power of said speaker output voice signal
10 passing through said [sound] acoustic echo canceller;

a third comparator for comparing an estimated signal
power of said [reverberation] residual echo signal estimated by
said [reverberation] residual echo power estimation section with
an estimated signal power of said speaker output voice signal
15 estimated by said second speaker output power estimation section
to obtain a ratio therebetween; and

a third attenuation amount calculation [means] section
for calculating an amount of attenuation in said transmitting
side attenuation [means] section based on said ratio outputted
20 from said third comparator.

7. (Amended) A voice switching system as claimed in
claim 6, wherein said [sound] acoustic echo canceller
sequentially renews an adaptive filter [factor] coefficient
stored in an adaptive filter [factor] coefficient buffer by the